(iii) Delhi-Bombay (*via* Central Railway). The gap section from Itarsi to Bhusawal.

(iv) Bina-Katni-Bilaspur and Anuppur-Bishrampur.

(v) Jolarpettai-Erode and Salem-Mettur Dam.

(vi) Jolarpettai-Bangalore.

(vii) Bhopal-Nagda.

(viii) Kazipet-Sanatnagar.

(ix) Sonnagar-Patratu.

In addition to above the following new routes have been proposed for electrification in the year 1991-92:—

(i) Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana.

(ii) Gumia-Patratu.

(iii) Sitarampur-Jhajha.

(iv) Bokaro - Muri - Hatia-Bondamunda - Barsuan - Bimlagarh-Kiriburu.

(v) Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar.

Decline in tourist traffic to Goa and other places

1198. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in both foreign and domestic tourist traffic to Goa and various other places in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) to what extent tourist traffic has declined in comparison to the last year; and

(d) what are the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) to (c) There is an over all decline of 0.5 per cent in foreign tourist traffic to the country during 1990 due to various reasons including Gulf crisis, adverse publicity of various events in India in the overseas markets, reduced air seat capacity in the domestic sector, etc. Available information from State Governments including Goa does not indicate any over all decline in the domestic tourist traffic during 1990.

(d) Efforts are being made through diplomatic channels and through direct publicity to reassure and attract prospective and travel trade abroad.

Decentralisation of Central Government purchases by DGS&D

1199. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister has changed the former Prime Minister's proposal to decentralise Central Government purchases by the DGS&D.

(b) if so, whether this decision to decentralise was originally to come into effect by 31st December, 1990 but has been postponed; and

(c) whether any date has now been fixed from which this would likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Kuttirs in Madhya Pradesh

1200. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct 4693 Kuttirs in Madhya Pradesh under the Indira Gandhi Awas Yojna and also under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana during 1991-92;

(b) if so, what is the total amount likely to be spent thereon;

(c) what is the amount of aid to be provided under the IRDP;

(d) by when these houses would be ready; and